

Merrimack Canal: Rolling Dam  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-3B

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MASS,  
9-LOW,  
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DATE: 1835

LOCATION: Between the Merrimack and Eastern Canals,  
Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals,  
Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: Both the Rolling Dam and the Merrimack Dam (HAER No. MA-3A) were built in 1835 in order to provide intermediate levels between the Merrimack and Eastern Canals so that both could use the same wasteway. Researchers are referred to HAER No. MA-1, Lowell Canal System for more detailed information.

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